**AISI News and Notes for November 2011**

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| **Item** | **Information** | | | **Questions/ Thoughts** |
| **AISI General Information** | **Cycle 5 has been approved for 3 years: 2012-2015**   * No announcement yet on funding implications   **Additional AISI funds distributed.**  **Planning for Cycle 5 is beginning:** Watch for updates!  <http://cesd-aisi-5.wikispaces.com/> | | |  |
| **To do before next AISI meeting:** | **Think about**   * Continue discussion around Teacher Leadership and insights from data | | |  |
| **Learning Opportunities** | | | | |
| **AISI Conference 2012** | * **Theme:** Engaging Minds: Making the Connections * **Dates:** February 13-14, 2012 * The online registration is up and running, to register please click on <http://education.alberta.ca/apps/aisi/registration/>   **Featuring:** Dr. Yong Zhao (keynote) | | |  |
| **AISI Leadership, Graduate Studies**  **U of C** | * **University of Calgary** * **Contact:** Farah Allani ([fallani@ucalgary.ca](mailto:fallani@ucalgary.ca)) or 403-220-2982 * **Start date:** Summer 2012 – 2 courses on campus   + Research Improvement and Innovation   + Building Research Capacity * More information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/gpe/content/aisi-leadership> | | |  |
| **Graduate Studies**  **Research Leadership Courses**  **U of L** | * **University of Lethbridge** * **Contact:** Pam Adams ([adams@uleth.ca](mailto:adams@uleth.ca)) * **Start date:** Summer 2012 – 3 weeks   + Research methodology courses * More information coming shortly | | |  |
| **CARC**   * **Cached webinars** * **Moodles** * **Other resources** | * ALBERTA REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIA (ARPDC) LEARNING PORTAL ARPDC is excited to launch a new learning environment designed to serve the professional learning needs of teachers in Alberta in a coordinated, collaborative and comprehensive manner. * This new site has amalgamated the Moodle resources from all seven professional development consortia partners and in order to access these resources, you need to create an account (login) in this new Learning Environment and register in the courses that fit your professional learning needs. * All materials which you previously had access to are now housed at this new site; the former sites will no longer be active. * The new site is located at: <http://learning.arpdc.ab.ca> For detailed instructions on how to enrol in the new “Learning Portal” and for technical support information, please select this link: <http://tinyurl.com/LearningPortal-Registration> | | |  |
| **Tools and Resources** | | | | |
| **QLE Update** | * New version now posted   + Changes to the 4 key components – refinement and reduction of overlap   + <http://cesdqle.wikispaces.com> | |  | |
| **Universal Design for Learning Resources used today** | * <http://www.udlcenter.org/aboutudl/udlguidelines/downloads> | |  | |
| **Research** | | | | |
| **University Partners AISI Journal** | * The Fall 2011 version of this journal is posted on the AISI website:   + [University–School Collaborative Action Research as an Alternative Model for Professional Development Through AISI](http://www.uleth.ca/education/sites/education/files/AISI%20V1%201%201%20Fall%202011.pdf)   + [Cyclicity and Sustainability: The Role of Collaborative Action Inquiry in AISI](http://www.uleth.ca/education/sites/education/files/AISI%20V1%201%202%20Fall%202011.pdf)   + [Working with Student Exemplars:  Staff Reflections at the Calgary Science School](http://www.uleth.ca/education/sites/education/files/AISI%20V1%201%203%20Fall%202011.pdf)   + [AISI: Transforming Writing with Technology Written Conversations Develop Minds for the Future](http://www.uleth.ca/education/sites/education/files/AISI%20V1%201%204%20Fall%202011.pdf)   + [Leadership for All:  Minchau Staff Make Leadership What They Do Best!](http://www.uleth.ca/education/sites/education/files/AISI%20V1%201%205%20Fall%202011.pdf)      * + [Universal Design for Learning and Gifted Students in the 21st Century Classroom](http://www.uleth.ca/education/sites/education/files/AISI%20V1%201%206%20Fall%202011.pdf) * To access these articles, click on the links above, or click on the following link which takes you to the AISI provincial website: <http://www.uleth.ca/education/research/research-centers/aisi/aisi-journal/new-issue/vol1-no1-2011> | |  | |
| **Details** | | | | |
| **Next AISI Meeting** | Tuesday, April 17, 2012  Location: Innisfail Board Room  All meetings are listed on the home page of the AISI wiki: <http://cesdaisi.wikispaces.com/> |  | | |